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FOR AMBASSADOR ROBERT J MCCLOSKEY FROM AMB RIVERO

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TAGS: OVIP (MCCLOSKEY, AMBASSADOR ROBERT J.)

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY'S VISIT TO MADRID

1. IN MY LETTER OF MAY 7, WHICH PERHAPS YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED, I SUGGEST THAT YOU SPEND APPROXIMATELY A WEEK OR TEN DAYS IN SPAIN BEGINNING ABOUT JUNE 10. AT THAT TIME I EXPECTED MY CONSULTATION PERIOD IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE 22 MAY -7 JUNE. DUE TO DELAY IN FONMIN'S VISIT TO SECRETARY, I HAVE CHANGED DATES TO 1 JUNE-15 JUNE. THEREFORE SUGGEST DELAY YOUR TRIP ONE WEEK FOR PERIOD 17-27 JUNE. TWO PLANNED EVENTS DURING THAT PERIOD WOULD MAKE IT ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE. ON 18 JUNE WE HAVE SCHEDULED A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE SET UP UNDER THE SPANISH AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, OF WHICH FONMIN AND I ARE CO-CHAIRMAN, AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO ATTEND IT. ON 19 JUNE I WILL TAKE THE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT, THE MINISTERS OF NAVY AND AIR, AND THE CHIEF OF THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF TO SEA ON AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO OBSERVE COMBINED EXERCISE "POOP DECK". THIS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THESE OFFICIALS IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AND AT LENGTH, WHICH WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO YOU.

2. I AM COMMITTED TO BE OUTSIDE OF MADRID FROM 27 JUNE TO 1 JULY BUT IF YOU DESIRE TO REMAIN DURING THIS PERIOD WE COULD ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE SO YOU CAN VISIT THEN THE FOUR BASES USED BY U.S. FORCES, USING YOU REMAINING TIME IN SPAIN FOR BRIEFINGS

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AND CALLS.

3. IF YOU CAN GIVE ME A ROUGH IDEA OF YOUR DESIRES, WE CAN
START MAKING SOME OF THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT I CAN
PREPARE A DETAILED PLAN FOR DISCUSSION WITH YOU WHILE I AM IN
WASHINGTON.
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